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Entitled: UNITIZED PINION SEAL FOR AN AXLE

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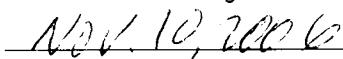
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### UNITIZED PINION SEAL FOR AN AXLE

for which a United States Utility Patent Application, U.S. Serial No. 10/553,590 was filed on October 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Freudenberg-NOK General Partnership, having a place of business at 47890 East Anchor Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

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By:   
Keith Clark

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Date of Signature